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(57) Abstract: An aqueous pharmaceutical formulation comprising the thrombin inhibitor HOOC-CH₂-(R)-Cgl-Aze-Pab (melagatran), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable derivative thereof, a process for the preparation of such a pharmaceutical formulation, the use of such a formulation in the treatment of thromboembolism as well as a method of treating a patient in need of antithrombotic treatment and thromboembolism by using said formulation via nasal administration.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: **5 and 6**
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
see extra sheet
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
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2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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Box II.1

Claims 5 and 6 relate to methods of treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or by therapy/diagnostic methods practised on the human or animal body/Rule 39.1.(iv). Nevertheless, a search has been executed for these claims. The search has been based on the alleged effects of the compounds/compositions.

Claim 13 relate to methods of treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or by therapy or diagnostic methods practiced on the human or animal body (Rule 39.1(iv)). Nevertheless, a search has been executed for this claim. The search has been based on the alleged effects of the compounds or compositions